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Nothing is difficult to the man with the habit of doing things.

Prepare—Prepare Sanely

THE movement to create a Philadelphia branch of the National Security League began precipitously last night.

As to degree and method, Mr. Wanamaker took a position for sane preparedness which commended admirably with the League's decision to accept no support from any citizen, no matter how patriotic his motive, whose means came from the manufacture of munitions.

Better still, Mr. Wanamaker sounded the note of world-peace in his plea for preparedness, a note that, since the first days of the war, has been too much subordinated by the cannon's roar.

It is only doubtful if the means Mr. Wanamaker suggested for putting a close to the European struggle and for bringing justice out of it, would achieve those ends.

"What is an Ideal Councils," Mr. Moore? IS IT possible that so regular a Republican as J. Hampton Moore was referring to Rudolph Blankenburg when he gave his illuminating description of the "ideal Mayor" this city needs?

Out-regulating the I. C. C. THE average citizen got quite a surprise yesterday afternoon. It was the rate increase of 3.86 per cent, which the Interstate Commerce Commission granted the express companies.

His first reaction was the reflection that one branch of the Government, the I. C. C., was choking the cat with butter in order to oblige another branch, the parcel post.

The Elusive Egg PALE State law has not moved a step toward the solution of the storage egg problem. If anything, it has aggravated it.

are not in the least improved by being kept over nine months; yet winter prices certainly are. Doubtless, nobody is much worried over the speculators who bought 50,000,000 at a low rate in fruitful April, expecting to sell them during next February's shortage; yet the fact remains that some sane provision ought to be made for storing a proper quantity of eggs in such a way as to adjust prices and supply a little more sensibly than nature does on her own hook.

Rainbows Good to Look at, but the Nation Wants an Umbrella

NOT all the inventive geniuses in the world can restore the morale of the navy if it has been lost. However great their ingenuity may be, it cannot compensate for the stupidity of a niggardly Congress.

We are an optimistic and credulous people. We have confidence in the ability of American brains to overcome any difficulty into which blundering unpreparedness may plunge us.

What need of the substance if we have the shadow? Let us delude ourselves and by a sort of mental necromancy secure the protection for which we or those who represent us are unwilling to pay.

Put it down in a book that we must have an efficient naval organization before inventive genius can make the navy invincible. Put it down that there must be highly trained officers, trained in navigation rather than in the artful obtaining of examination questions ahead of time.

Let the public beware lest it be deceived into a false sense of security. Let the Secretary of the Navy beware lest the specter of his latest scheme delude him into believing that he has in one move corrected all errors, cured all defects and by a miracle of achievement made the navy of the first rank.

This is a great nation, not an association of children—a Colossus just beginning to realize its might and wealth and the envy it has aroused. It does not object to gazing at rainbows, but it insists on being provided with an umbrella.

A Pacifist Extravaganza THE EVENING LEDGER printed a few days ago an article written by Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain on the war as it is affecting the peoples of Western Europe.

Breakfast-table news: "Russians pursue Turks in Mush region." Here are those envious Portuguese trying to get into the news again.

Gang candidates with good memories naturally hanker after "harmony." Dictionary makers will have to make a "lift" to insert Colonel Roosevelt's new word, "Chinafy."

Admiral Noah had this to be thankful for: He didn't have to keep a lookout for German submarines. China may be a very pacific country these days, but it pulled off a rousing little revolution not so long ago.

TEACHING BOYS THE ART OF WAR

Schools That Do This Are Found in 28 States and the District of Columbia—Military Drill and Its Relation to National Defense.

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL.

WHETHER the public schools as well as the State universities of the United States shall provide courses in military instruction is attracting much attention.

Naturally the advocates of total disarmament oppose adding anything to the military burdens of the country, and, therefore, protest against the suggestion even of optional courses in military instruction in our public educational institutions.

Philadelpha's interest in the matter of military instruction has been accentuated by the offer of Dr. Joseph Leidy to be one of a hundred men to contribute \$1000 each for the establishment of a course in military instruction in our own Central High School.

One Hundred Military Academies West Point and Annapolis are the two institutions from which the United States gets most of its officers for the army and navy.

There are many educators who believe that the average boy is improved by the rigid discipline to which he must submit in a military school. Without doubt such a course has been the making of many a boy who found the purely intellectual courses of public schools and private academies irksome.

But how does Uncle Sam profit? In many of the military schools and colleges there are on the faculties graduates of West Point who in addition to other subjects teach military training and supervise the drills.

The graduates of all universities supported by the State could also help out in such an emergency because military drill in varying degrees is obligatory on the part of the students. Their instruction is furnished by army officers assigned to duty by the War Department.

New York leads in the number of military schools and academies. Counting the National Military Academy at West Point, the Empire State has 17 such schools.

"A" IS CORRECT To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Please explain for me in your valuable columns the solution of this inquiry: An automobile leaves a straight road to turn to the right, if momentum was sufficient, which two of the wheels would leave the ground?

UP TEDDY AND AT THEM! Heave ho! Go slow! Out! What there's some commotion, For Teddy's there, with his teeth all bare, Yelling at the ocean.

He shouts and yells Because it's named Pacific; In accents strong he says it's wrong In language most profane.



SHRAPNEL SHELLS AND TULIPS

Speculation in Shares of Corporations With War Orders Is Flourishing as the Dutch Bulb Mania Once Throve, and Prices Have Already Increased 500 Per Cent.

By GEORGE W. DOUGLAS

THE craze for speculation in the shares of companies having war orders has not yet reached the stage of acute mania that characterized the Dutch tulip boom in the 17th century, but it is on the way.

At the height of the boom the bulbs were sold by perits, a weight of less than a grain, as diamonds are sold by carats, and the choicest varieties brought from 11 to 27 florins a perit.

When they awoke from their dream tulip bulbs were worth less than we now have to pay in the seed stores on Market and Chestnut streets, and to say tulip to a Dutchman was like calling a London cabman a Bosch in this year of grace and grape and canister.

The most notorious booming of shares has centered around a company whose president has succeeded in getting a large amount of war business. On July 21 of last year the common stock of the company was selling for 40¢.

A Rise of 500 Per Cent. The most notorious booming of shares has centered around a company whose president has succeeded in getting a large amount of war business.

What an Editor Thinks of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and His Old Pastor. From the Nashville Tennessean. One of the blackest superstitions is the idea that so many people have held for so long that she preacher must be a man apart, distant and solemn, not touching the common activities of men anywhere.

Prudent Sell on a Rising Market Few men ever got rich in that way. Those who saved themselves from the wreck of the tulip mania unloaded their tulips at the top prices. They sold on a rising market and let who would buy. In the same way the few who escaped disaster when John Law's Mississippi bubble burst were those who were prudent enough to sell their shares while there was a demand for them.

FAIR PLAY FOR GERMANY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—When the war first broke out you were keen and were the first to grasp the golden opportunity to make the most out of the situation, which speaks well for your great powers.

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FAVORS AN EMBARGO ON ARMS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As an intelligent reader I feel that I require some explanation of the flagrantly conflicting matter I clip from your last evening's issue and enclose: "Feeding the starving and healing the sick is certainly a nobler thing than helping to spread the ravages of war."

TAKING IT HUMOROUSLY From London Opinion. These Zepplin raids should be good for literature. Every suburb will soon have its 21¢ or more best sellers.

THE NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

If we do intervene, we shall do so in the interest of civilization and of the Mexican people, not for the profit of a treacherous usurper.—Chicago Journal.

A MINISTER AND HYMN

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AMUSEMENTS

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS SPECIAL! MISS MARY MELVILLE WILL ACT AS BARMAN TODAY—1:30 TO 2:30 P. M.—TODAY AT KEITH'S BAR IN THE CRYSTAL LOBBY

knows no creed. It leaves none beyond the outer portal. It is the hymn of the universal brotherhood and the single fatherhood.

"Or if, on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly, Still all my songs shall be Nearer, my God, to thee."

When Abraham Lincoln made the bold stroke of emancipating the negro slaves it was considered a great deed that is being published in our newspapers. Thoughtless people, if they read it, do not stop to reason about it, but there is a mass of intelligent thinking people who are puzzled or shocked by it, but get it over.

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